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MERIDIAN, MISS., February 17, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 15.

Before the General Court Martial convened and held at Talladega, Ala., by virtue of General Orders No. 146, from Department Head-Quarters dated Meridian, Miss., December 7th, 1864.

The following accused were arraigned and tried:

1. **Lieut. J. M. Tyler**, Co. "C" 6th Regiment Missouri Volunteers.

Charge 1st—Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

(Specifications omitted on account of length.)

FINDINGS:

Of the first Specification of the Charge, ...Guilty.

Of the second Specification of the Charge.....Guilty.

Of the Charge.....Guilty.

SENTENCE:

And the court do therefore sentence the said Lieut. J. M. Tyler, Co. C. 6th Regt. Missouri Volunteers, to be cashiered, all the members of the Court concurring in the sentence.

2. **Private J. P. Ledbetter**, Co. "E" 8th Alabama cavalry.

Charge 1st.—Desertion.

Charge 2d.—Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

FINDINGS:

Of the Specification of first charge.....Guilty.

Of the first Charge.....Guilty.

Of the Specification of second Charge.....Guilty.

Of the second Charge.....Guilty.

SENTENCE.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said Private J. P. Ledbetter, of Co E, 8th Alabama cavalry, to perform hard labor on any of the fortifications or public works belonging to the Confederate States, for the space of six months, and that he be marched in front of his command while on parade, once each day, for the space of ten days, with a placard on his back with the words "Horse Thief," inscribed thereon, in large letters, and by the time of "Rogue's March," and in front of two soldiers with fixed bayonets, and in the position of charge bayonets.

The Court is thus lenient in consequence of his age, being now only nineteen or twenty years of age, and having been persuaded to act thus by others older than himself and of more experience.

The proceedings, findings and sentences in the above cases are hereby approved and will be carried into effect. But in consideration of the youth and inexperience of Private J. P. Ledbetter, Co. C, 8th Alabama cavalry, his sentence is commuted to three months hard labor on government works;

Lieut. J. W. Tyler, Co., C, 6th Missouri infantry, ceases to be an officer of the Confederate States army from this date.

When prisoners are sentenced to hard labor they will be sent to Selma, Ala.

By Command of

LIEUT. GEN. TAYLOR,

LEWIS H. KENNERLY,

Capt. & A. A. A. Genl.





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